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[54] **ALGINATE HYDROGEL FOAM WOUND DRESSING**

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[57] ABSTRACT

A dimensionally stable alginate hydrogel foam wound dressing that absorbs wound exudate without any appreciable swelling. The wound dressing is formed-in-place in the wound cavity or on the wound surface from a reactive composition that foams as it gels. The water-insoluble alginate hydrogel foam based wound dressing is made by mixing together the ingredients of a two component system; applying the resulting composite liquid mixture to a wound site; and allowing the composite mixture to react. One component contains an aqueous suspension of certain di-or trivalent metal salts and an effervescent compound. The second component contains an aqueous solution of a biocompatible, water-soluble acid. At least one compound, and preferably both, contain a water soluble alginate.

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